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Smith Named Senior Policy and Legal Advisor

Nashville, Tennessee – Holly Rachel Smith, a well-respected telecommunications attorney in Washington, D.C., has joined the Tennessee Regulatory Authority as Senior Policy and Legal Advisor to TRA Director Deborah Taylor Tate.

Smith was formerly associated with the law firm of Kraskin, Moorman & Cossum, LLC, of Washington, D.C., where she served as counsel for regulatory and operational issues in the telecommunications sector and as government affairs consultant on Federal legislative matters pertaining to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and Internet Protocol Video.

She represented leading Southeast telecommunications service providers before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and various state public utility commissions as an associate with the law firm of Preston Gates Ellis and Rouvelas Meeds, LLP, also of Washington, D.C.

“Holly’s experience in telecom at the federal level will be an asset to the TRA and to the citizens of Tennessee as we face important policy issues regarding competition, choice and consumer protection,” said Director Tate.

Smith received a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Oregon School of Law, a Masters of Art in Public Policy from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Colorado.

An avid horsewoman, she holds numerous Hunter and equestrian titles. She is a native of Pennsylvania and has family in Athens, Tennessee.

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